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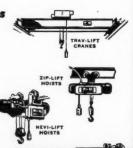
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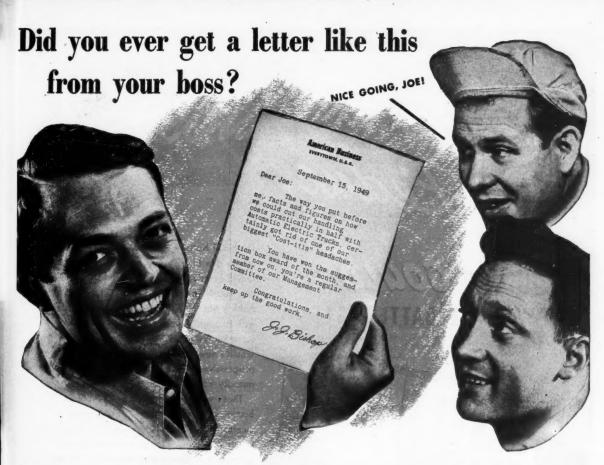
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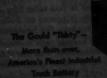
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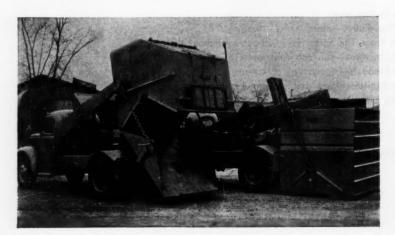


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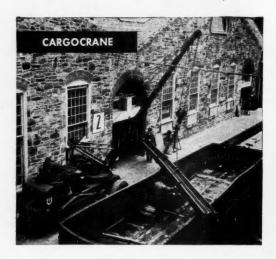






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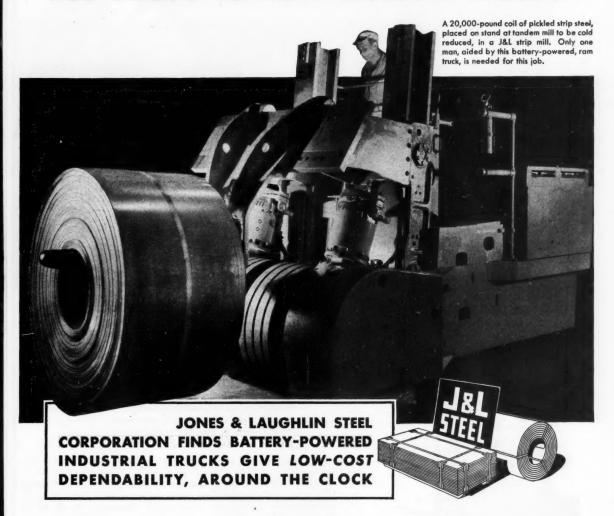
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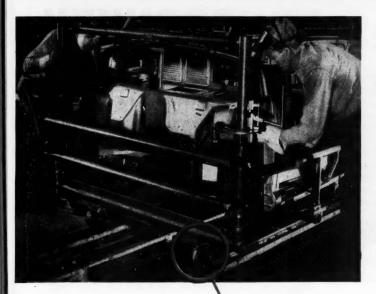
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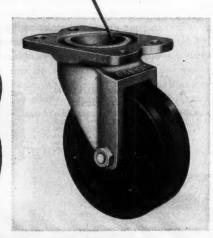
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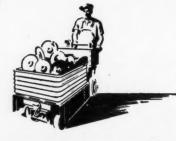
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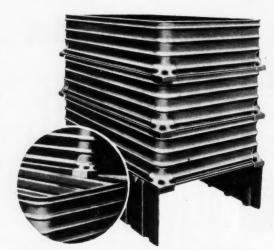
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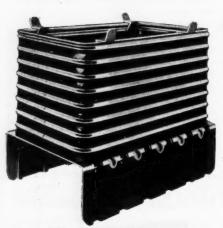


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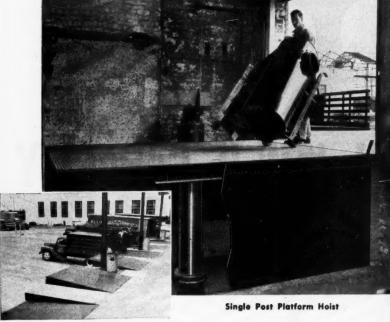
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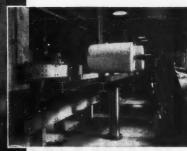
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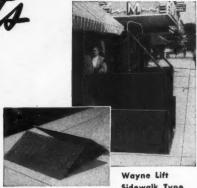


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In these four years we have seen three material handling expositions take place, and now the Material Handling Exposition is recognized as the third largest industrial show in the country. We have seen a nebulous trade association develop into the Material Handling Institute, which is a well-run, well-financed group of companies and individuals with a very definite and constructive program.

These four years have seen American industry agree that the science of material handling is one of the most important management functions in the conduct of today's business. We have seen an important engineering group form itself into a vital and enthusiastic society for the interchange of engineering data and the best methods of meeting handling problems.

Yes, these have been an exciting, challenging—and gratifying—four years. FLOW is proud to have been around during this period. If we've contributed to the general progress—and we hope we have—we're glad.

And where do we go from here? We are going into fields not now even thought of. We will continue to consolidate the gains already made. We will continue to eduate industry to the profit possibilities of engineered material handling methods. This is a worth-while goal which must be achieved, and will be. For we know that a sore spot in industry today is "hidden costs"—costs that are conveniently lumped together as "general overhead" or "general manufacturing cost."

Some day these will be broken down and the revealing light of day will show some sorry inefficiencies.

This area alone offers a tremendous scope for the future growth of the material handling industry. And scientific and technological advances give promise of further developments which no one can even attempt to predict today.

Yes, we in the material handling industry have much to look forward to.

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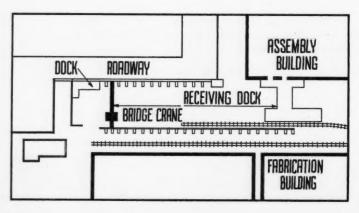


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Y ARD handling is often a phase of in-plant handling. This is the case where (a) materials lend themselves to outside storage and (b) where, for reasons of space economy, storage within buildings can be maintained only for daily requirements. In such cases, yard receiving and storage becomes an extension of normal plant operations, with machining and fabricating relying on the outside function to take care of all supply operations to the plant.

Such yard installations are planned to serve production with the least travel and effort. A crane-

■ CRANEWAY is shown with truck roadway, railroad spur and "T" dock, including shop buildings.

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way, for example, will be laid out for the shortest moves possible of materials to destination, and accessory on-the-ground equipment will be integrated to maintain a smooth material flow. Specific considerations in this respect are listed in the introductory paragraph.

Central Location for All Needs

An example of a well coordinated yard receiving and storage operation is at The White Motor Company, Cleveland, one of the largest manufacturers of heavy-duty trucks which are built to customers' specifications. On the company's 44-acre plant site the receiving-storage yard is laid out centrally in relation to the buildings serving for chassis assembly and miscellaneous machining operations.

The crane runway, 480 ft. long, extends in an area that is located in the center of these buildings in an east-to-west direction. It can be seen from the flow sheet that access is provided to the street for truck deliveries at one side, to a rail spur that enters the yard at the other side, and a partially roofed T-dock at the north end of the layout. Thus full advantage can be taken of all transportation facilities. At the same time all materials, whether arriving by rail car or highway truck, can be delivered to the various shops with minimum travel because of the central location.

The double girder bridge crane serving the yard has a 100 ft. span, a traveling cab, and is of 5-ton capacity. (Auxiliary equipment for the lighter lifts is described later.) The traveling cab on the wide span of the crane is of special value; it enables the crane operator to move close to the area of operation and see the lifts at any desired angle.

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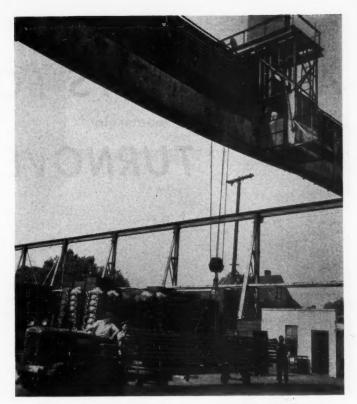
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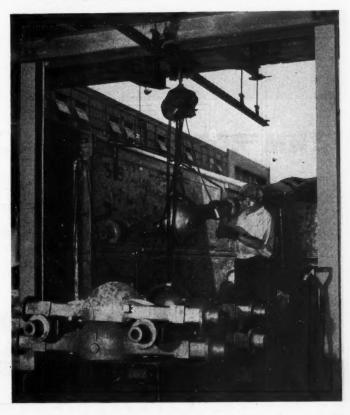
The materials handled in the storage yard and on the T-dock are of many shapes and sizes. The bulk of receivals consists of chassis side rails, front and rear axles, both bundled into load units, as well as bundles of bar stock and tubing. The side rails, which usually arrive in gondola cars, come up to 25 ft. in

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▲ LIFT OF components being placed on frame truck, which crawler-mounted tractor will haul to shop. Note neat stacks of axle housings in background.

ONE-TON ELECTRIC hoist unloading lighter components from delivery vehicle at north end of T-dock. Hoists handle all lighter receivals at this truck dock.



AIR CIRCUITS FOR TURNOVER STACKER

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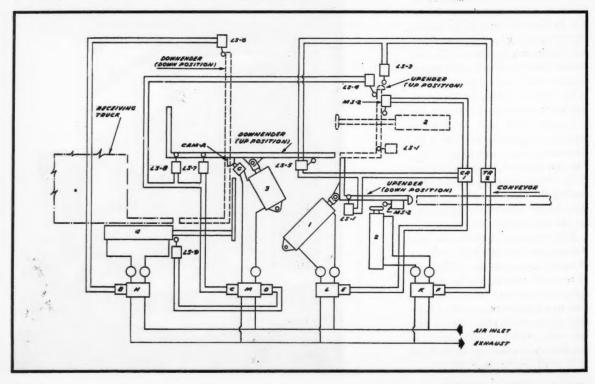
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The general arrangement of the unit is shown schematically in Fig. 1 and the various steps of its operation will be described in turn.

A bale of pulp is deposited by the power conveyor on the "upender," shown in heavy lines in the "down" position. The bale contacts normally open limit switch LS-1 which

Fig. 1. Air circuit for turnover stacker in the conveyor system of a pulp mill.





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is connected in series with LS-5, a double contact limit switch, also normally open and held closed by the "downender" as shown in its "up" position. LS-1, held close by the bale, closes a magnetic contactor or relay CR-1, which, in turn, energizes solenoid "E" on the four-way spring return valve "L." Valve "L" directs air to cylinder No. 1 which pushes the upender upward to the position shown in dotted lines.

As the upender reaches the "up" position, a dog attached to it trips and bypasses LS-3, a normally open limit switch operative in one direction only, which is also connected in series with LS-5. LS-3 upon closing, energizes the coil which closes TR-2, a normally open time delay relay, the action of which is retarded to reopen after fifteen seconds.

TR-2 functions to energize solenoid "F" on the four-way spring return valve "K," which directs air pressure to cylinder No. 2. Note that cylinder No. 2 is attached to the upender and travels with it. As the piston of cylinder No. 2 starts forward, a dog on the end of the rod trips and bypasses MS-2, a maintained contact switch which closes as it is tripped, thus maintaining the holding circuit in CR-1. At this point CR-1 keeps solenoid "E" energized since LS-1 opens immediately after MS-2 closes. The bale is pushed onto the downender, shown in heavy lines in the "up" position.

At the end of the fifteen second setting of the time delay relay TR-2, it opens, thus de-energizing solenoid "F" on valve "K" which reverses cylinder No. 2; the dog on the end of the piston rod opens MS-2, thus breaking the holding circuit in CR-1 which, in turn, deenergizes solenoid "E" on valve "L" and reverses cylinder No. 1. The upender has now returned to its original "down" position.

These operations are repeated until six bales have been pushed onto the downender. As the sixth bale goes into position, the first and second bales close LS-7 and LS-8. CR-1 MS-2 LS-S

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LS-4 LS-7 SOL.C LS-8

SOL.B SOL.B

LS-6 SOL.B

Fig. 2. Line diagram of the electrical pilot circuit.

These two limit switches are attached to the downender (Figure 1). These switches are normally open and are connected in series with LS-4, a normally closed limit switch held open by the upender in the "up" position. Therefore, as the upender moves down at this phase of the cycle, LS-4 closes to start the operation of the downender.

When LS-4, LS-7 and LS-8 are all closed, solenoid "C" on the double solenoid four-way valve "M" is energized and cylinder No. 3 starts to move the downender with its six bales into final position. However, it is apparent that as the center of gravity of the load, which is being pushed by cylinder No. 3, passes over the pivot point of the downender, it comes under the pull of gravity and would normally tend to "run away." To prevent this, a cam operated valve "G" is placed between the rod side of cylinder No. 3 and the four-way valve "M." Valve "G" has free flow in the direction of the cylinder and controlled restricted flow toward the valve.

A cam "A," attached at the pivot

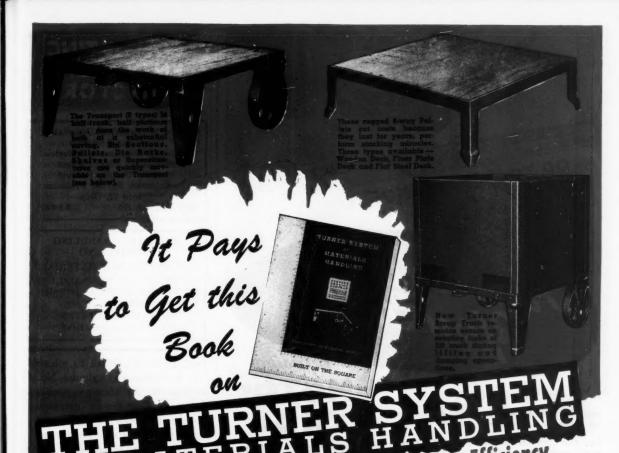
point of the downender, is timed to properly restrict the exhaust air from the cylinder through valve "G." This cushions the load slowly to its "down" position as shown in dotted lines. Note that the downender opens LS-5 on moving away from it, thus cutting out upender operations.

As the six bales reach their final upright position, LS-6 closes, thus energizing solenoid "B" on spring return four-way valve "N" and causing stackpuller cylinder No. 4 to pull the stack of six bales onto the receiving truck. As the bales leave the downender, LS-7 and LS-8 open, deenergizing solenoid "C" on valve "M." The valve spool does not change position; however, since this valve is operated by momentary contact and air still remains on the lower side of cylinder No. 3. Upon reaching the end of its pull stroke, a dog attached to the end of the rod of cylinder No. 4 trips and closes normally open limit switch LS-9, energizing solenoid "D" of valve "M," reversing it and causing cylinder No. 3 to pull the downender to its original "up" position.

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from LS-6, the circuit to solenoid "B" is broken and cylinder No. 4 returns to its starting position. Sufficient clearance is maintained between the receiving truck and the downender to enable the latter to return without interference. The main electrical lines to the pilot circuit of the turnover stacker are connected in series to a master switch (not shown), a precaution observed to render the entire unit inoperative until the receiving truck is in its proper position.

Figure 2 shows a line diagram of the electrical pilot circuit and indicates the comparative simplicity of control design followed throughout the unit.

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MEN IN THE NEWS

R. TRAXLER has been named field engineering and development department of the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co., according to R. D. Hager, general superintendent of the industrial products division. Traxler has been with the company since 1935, all his career having been spent in product development.

ROBERT H. DAVIES has joined the Baker-Raulang Co. as manager of engineering. He will have supervision of all engineering functions for the company. Davies formerly was associated with the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Northrop Aircraft, Inc., Henry J. Kaiser Co. and for the past 5½ years he has been with the Lincoln Electric Co.

GILBERT W. CHAPMAN has been elected president of The Yale &



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Towne Mfg. Co.
by the board of
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Joseph A. Horne,
chairman. Chapman, who has been
serving as vice
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of finance, succeeds Calvert
Carey as the sixth
president of the

81-year-old lock and material handling equipment company. Carey resigned because of ill health. Fred Dunning will continue as executive vice president and Otto G. Schwenk will also continue as vice president in charge of production. Chapman had been president of the American Water Works Co. before joining Yale & Towne, in June, 1948, as vice president. Last November, he became a member of the board of directors.

VINCENT IDZIAK, production manager and chief engineer of Brummeler Steel Products Corp., has been elected vice president. He has been in charge of all production and development of the Brusco line of material handling equipment since the close of the war. He will continue as chief engineer in charge of new products and will supervise design and engineering of special handling equipment.

MERRILL BROS. announced the appointment of Howard L. Franks as director of sales for the company. Franks was previously sales manager of the Charles Fischer Spring Co., and prior to this he was with the Carpenter Steel Co.



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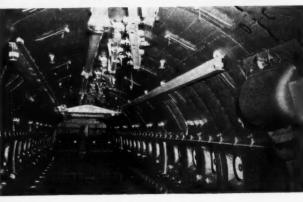
MATERIAL HANDLING in the AIR AGE

PART I

Handling procedures of commercial air freight carriers must be designed to keep the cost per ton mile on a competitive level by reducing on-the-ground time of aircraft to an absolute minimum. This depends largely on the operational procedures developed in conjunction with efficient handling equipment. This introductory article (the first of two) reviews the latest adaptations of material handling machines to aircraft design.



CARGO ELEVATOR shown lifting vehicle aboard Globemaster. Lifting is done by the cranes, shown below.



LIGHT ALLOY twin bridge crane and detachable floor make up cargo elevator in Globemaster. THE Berlin air lift dramatically demonstrated the feasibility of the mass movement of supplies by air. It has dwarfed any previous conception of the possibilities of air freight. The reader will recall that the allied air lift carried all supplies needed to feed. house and keep comfortable a population of 2,500,000. The success of this gigantic project has in turn pointed up the possibilities of air freight for commercial and industrial shipments. In the European air lift operation there was no opportunity for the adoption of mechanized material handling techniques; the need was urgent and German labor was plentiful.

Reviewed on these pages are several categories of material handling equipment of the overhead type, which have been incorporated in the basic airframe design. These examples are among the first instances where handling facilities have definitely influenced the final design of transport aircraft. (A companion article in an early issue will feature other handling innovations now in an advanced stage of development.)

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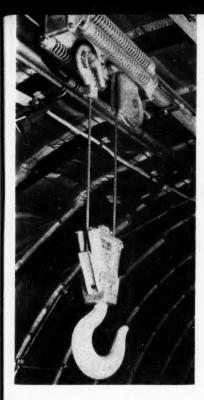
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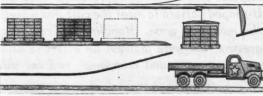
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CARGO HOOK detail showing method of suspension as used in the Stratofreighter.

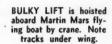
PALLET LOAD goes aboard by cargo hook. In sketch, below, load is hoisted from a truck.







DETAIL OF box-type crane, shown centrally in fuselage. It travels on underside of wings.



of fast efficient handling must come by way of (a) cargo aircraft of economical capacity, (b) modern material handling systems adapted to the design of the craft, and (c) efficient packaging of commodities for commercial users.

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The air freight trend is clear from the following figures released by a major airline company. The volume increased from about 1,-500,000 freight ton miles flown in 1945 to approximately 41,000,000 in 1947. The figures for 1948 are expected to reach 75,000,000 freight ton miles.

While the handling facilities presented here are the latest operational types to date, the reader should bear in mind that technological and design changes in aircraft are constantly being made. Handling procedures and equipment are therefore bound to be modified at an equally fast rate as dictated by research and experience in economical air freight movement.

Powered Cargo Hook

The Boeing Stratofreighter, a transport design based on the familiar Superfortress, incorporates an electrically powered cargo hook operating on a monorail extending the full length of the upper cargo fuselage. This equipment is controlled from a remote pendant switch box. The unloading and loading point is located at the rear end of the fuselage and is protected in flight by two large doors under the tail assembly. Loading ramps, highway truck bodies and high-lift fork trucks (with palletized loads) are accommodated through these doors. The lift is hoisted aboard by the motor-driven hook and swung forward along the overhead rail to the desired point. Lifts can be made from the ground or from

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KEEPS THE WHEELS ROLLING

PART II

Continuing the description begun in Part One: beyond the scrap disposal stations, axles approved for reconditioning advance in a U-shaped pattern to meet the cast iron wheels for assembly before the mounting press. Handling devices integrated into the progressive flow were planned for effective utilization of floor area and manpower, and for safety.

A S WAS indicated last month in Part One of this article, this concluding part on the Erie Wheel Shop covers a typical flow pattern through the plant. The flow sheet shows a triangular structure, which results from the fact that this shop has been converted from a quarter section of a former roundhouse. The machinery is placed radially to compensate for the arc.

The flow of axles (for cast iron

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wheels) is U-shaped along three walls, and it constitutes the chief interest of this description. Unmounted steel wheels, which are handled in the reconditioning line along with east wall only, will be touched on in passing.



HOIST on jib covers supply rack, right, the lathe, finish rack, which extends into back.

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The electric hoist serving the "incoming" production aisle takes the axle with the pressed off wheels from the demounting press, then lowers one wheel alternately on a two-wheel hand truck. These wheels (approved for reconditioning) are moved a few feet to storage stacks laid out to be handy to the boring mills. The wheels are stored on edge, which facilitates disposal and pickup by the two-wheel hand trucks. These load carriers have specially long handles, which give extra leverage. A long center leg. bolted to the frame, was likewise designed for easy operation.

With the wheels disposed of, the hoist carries the axle east (by-passing the scrap disposal stations described in last month's article). The units approved for reconditioning are deposited on Rack No. 1, which serves for cleaning and magnetic inspection for hidden flaws. This rack, about 30 ft. long, terminates at a turntable at the east wall. This turntable routes the inspected axles to gravity Rack No. 2, which has two decks. Approved axles are shunted to the top



TWO-WHEEL TRUCK moves wheels short distance to boring mill, adjacent to assembly.



FORK TRUCK handles new wheels four at a time. Note the notches, also the clamp.



FORK TRUCK also handles rejected axles from lower deck of gravity rack to stockpile.

deck, rejects to the lower level. Here is how this operation is performed by means of a pneumatically operated elevator section.

The cleaned and centered axle rolls to a hinged stop at the end of Rack 1, where the magnetic test is performed. A foot-operated trip releases the stop and the okayed axle rolls ahead on the tilting track on the turntable. The journal of

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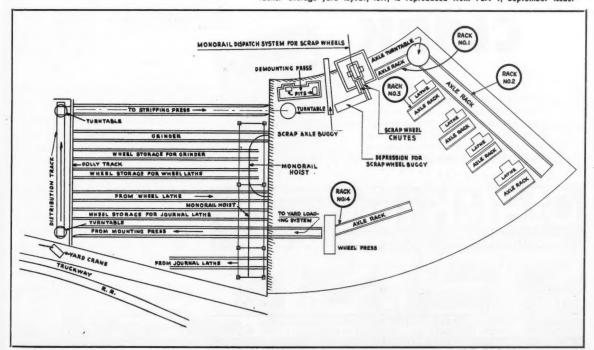
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e e e the advancing axle trips a pneumatic switch, which rotates the table 90 degrees after a five-second time delay. The rail section now tilts, discharging the axle on gravity Rack No. 2, whereupon the turntable swings back automatically to receive the next axle. The discharged axle (without a flaw) rolls ahead on the upper tier of the gravity track, which supplies a

battery of lathes that are located at right angles to this line.

Here is what happens in the event the magnetic test shows an axle to be defective. The inspector presses the button of an electric switch. This releases two hinged steel plates, which drop down below track travel. The permanent track on the elevator, about 12 ins. long, is a concave section. As the

IN WHEEL SHOP, right, cast iron wheels flow in "U"-pattern indicated by numbered racks. Storage yard layout, left, is reproduced from Part 1, September issue.



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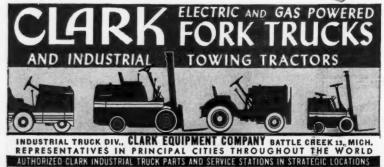
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axle is discharged from the turntable it is retained in the concaver area.

The axle trips a switch arm which actuates the pneumatic cylinder of the elevator. The load is thus lowered to the bottom deck. The concave elevator section drops below the bottom track level and the defective units roll off by gravity to the scrap track. The advancing axle trips another switch, which returns the pneumatic cylinder to the up position. A second button at the inspector's station is then pushed, which returns the steel leveling plates to vertical. Thus the heavy axles (averaging about 900 lb. each) are shunted over rightangle turns and on two different levels without the need of manual manipulation on the part of the operators.

The scrap axles from the lower deck are removed four at a time by fork lift truck, and tiered in the storage yard.

Hoists and Fork Lift Truck

The okayed axles are removed from the upper deck by the lathe operators with the type of electric one-ton jib hoists shown in one of the photos. These I-beam jibs average about 15 ft. in length, giving a radius which covers Rack No. 2, the lathe, and also the finished axle rack (No. 3) beside each machine.

A goose neck type grab is used for handling the axles at this point. The semi-circular pressure point is adapted to the contour of the units, and a chain is placed around the load at the lifting point, whose links lock into a slot. The grab is placed on the axle so that the hook is in the center, balancing the load during suspension in the horizontal position.

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The 117 ft. length of Rack No. 2 keeps an ample supply of axles ahead for all lathe operators, and the individual hoist serving each station makes the workers independent of any material handlers.

Note the position of the units indicated as Rack No. 3, on which the completed axles are placed by

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6	2,480.00	1,231.00	1,249.00
7	3,190.00	1,584.00	1,606.00
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TWENTY ROLLS ready to be moved as unit, left. Note ramp in closed vertical position. At right, operator loading pallet-type roll cage.



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markings which form highlights and shadows. These detract from rather than add to the saleability of the product.

Past practice in the transporting of packaged linoleum has been to use hand trucks for short intrafloor movement while vertical chain conveyors, belt conveyors, etc., provide interfloor handling in the various warehouses. While these methods are satisfactory and economical for most types of linoleum, the material involved here could not be moved in the usual way. Therefore, the next best method was to move a roll at a time and live with high handling cost until some other method could be devised.

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Multiple-Roll Warehousing

Although the problem we were faced with might have been solved in one of several different ways, the cost of installation was prohibitive in most cases. The pallet-type multiple-roll cage, shown in the exhibits, was finally found to be the answer to our problem. It not only provides adequate protection for the various commodities handled, but moves in one load from eight to 12 times the amount formerly transported!

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pact unit-mass during transporta-

To load and unload the cage, the operator lowers the hinged metal ramp (which forms one end in the vertical position) and removes the rolls via a two-wheeled hand truck, as shown in one of the photos. The angle of slope has been maintained at a minimum to facilitate loading and unloading. Once unloaded, the



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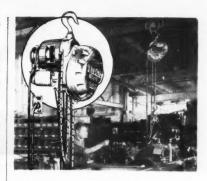
rolls are either positioned in nearby bays for stocking, or in boxcars to be prepared for shipment. Note that the entire load unit is transported by a motorized pallet hand truck.

Substantial Cost Reductions

In the accompanying charts, the eleven types of linoleum listed are included in the special group serviced by this new method. They show the "before and after" figures with the savings per year in the last column:

Adding the savings shown in the shipping chart to those in ware-housing, the total savings per year for the two operations becomes \$72.667.00.

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NE of the largest certified welding jobs ever undertaken by an aircraft manufacturer-over two and one-half miles of certified weld were required-was recently completed at Texas Engineering and Mfg. Co., Inc. Here final units of a contract calling for 160 B-36 bomb-bay tank storage racks now are being delivered. The racks, part of the specialized handling equipment being built for the B-36, are of arc welded pipe construction throughout, three-in, black pipe being used for the base and two-in. black pipe for the superstructure. Each unit measures 10' 111/2" x 11' 31/2" at the base, stands 9' 81/2" tall, weighs approximately 2000 lb., and requires 1006 ins. of weld.

TRADE show exhibitors of equipment which does not itself have attention getting characteristics such as novelty, motion, color or on-the-spot demonstrability, will be interested in a demonstration-display technique being employed by the Gould Storage Battery Corp. at 1949 trade shows. Gould uses visitoroperated models of battery-powered equipment, such as industrial lift trucks and mine shuttle cars. The small models are operated by life size controls and perform every operation of full size equipment. Groups of "grown-up kids" have awaited turns at the controls at every show at which models have been used. Such "live" models can also be used to put across points in plant layout, methods, traffic, material handling and related fields.

THE world's largest precision hydraulic press for conveyor belts has been put into successful operation at the Passaic, N. J. factory of the Manhattan Rubber Division, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. It is designed to meet the demand for more and larger conveyor belts for mines and industry. Built to the user's specifications by The Baldwin Locomotive Works, the press will vulcanize conveyor belts under controlled pressure and temperature. The assembled press weighs 619,000 lb. One of the 40-ft. platens weighs 45 tons, and took three days to travel 100 miles by special truck. An addition to the factory over 150 ft. long was required to house the gigantic press. It is understood that Manhattan Rubber engineers developed the system of temperature and pressure controls to maintain a uniform condition on each platen of the huge press. A check of several platens indicates that there

is less than a two-degree variation in temperature over any one platen surface with this system of controls, despite sudden and large load changes and a surface area equal in size to that of a bowling alley.

THE scientific and technical developments produced in the U.S. wartime atomic energy program were necessarily shrouded in secrecy. To date, approximately 2500 documents of various types have been declassified. While the majority of these papers pertain to nuclear science, there are a number of technological papers containing information of interest to U.S. technology and industry. The major part of what might be termed industrial information is contained in some 250 papers. A list of these documents is available from the Document Sales Agency, P. O. Box 62, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

MAHLON D. HARWELL and Richard K. Degener have organized American Sales Engineers. The





R. K. Degener M. D. Harwell

concern will design and distribute tubular material handling equipment. All of the products will be manufactured by the American Metal Products Co. at a newly equipped Detroit plant ad-

jacent to its present facilities. The manufacturing company has been producing tubular parts for many years and is now entering the material handling field for the first time. It will build tubular tiering racks, pallet racks and steel containers. Harwell and Degener have developed several new racks and containers which are to be marketed shortly.

PLANS for introduction in England of the low pressure air conveying system, developed by Convair Corp., have been announced by the company. The convair system was developed during the past four years and will be a feature of the new \$500,000 plant of Jackson Brothers, Ltd., major British bottle manufacturers at Knottingly, England. In this fac-

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NEWS FROM THE SALES **FIELD**

PPOINTMENT of Harold B. A Staniar to its sales staff has been announced by J. M. Barclay, Inc., 397 Market St., Newark, N. J. Barclay is sales representative for the Automatic Transportation Co., Chicago. Staniar will handle the Union County, N. J., territory.

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HAIN BELT CO. has announced the appointment of Douglas Jones as manager of the Salt Lake City District office. He will operate as the Douglas Jones Co. at 1551 Redondo Ave., Salt Lake City. Jones is well known in Utah engineering circles through his activities in various engineering societies. At present, he is vice-president of the Utah Society of Professional Engineers.

F. L. PURDY CO., Columbus: this company has been appointed by the Ironbound Box & Lumber Co. as representative for the southeastern Ohio territory. The Purdy organization consists of F. L. Purdy and William R. McKinley.

The S & T Equipment Co., Inc. has been appointed by Ironbound as rep-resentative for the state of Alabama and the northwest portion of Florida. S & T's staff includes H. S. Turner, Jr., J. W. Sturdivant, J. Tyler Turner and Richard F. Turner.

H INES BEARINGS AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO., Billings, Montana: This company was named distributor of Hewitt industrial rubber products in Billings and surrounding territory. Announcement was made by J. H. Hayden, vice president in charge of sales, Hewitt-Robins Inc., Buffalo, N. Y. The Hines company is owned and operated by L. R. Hines, president. Paul E. Cooper is store manager. Three salesmen travel the territory.

NEW 1949-1950 DIRECTORY

The first issue of the FLOW directory of Material Handling Equipment and Accessories was received with great acclaim, and now orders are being accepted for the second, improved issue at \$5 per copy. Several sections have been expanded and new ones added. Send your order now.

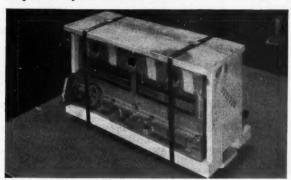
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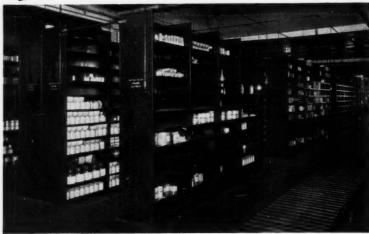
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a truck, and the hook can also be used for towing non-powered vehicles up a ramp.

Pre-loaded pallets of 5000 lbs. can be accommodated. Matching tie-downs on pallet and plane permit quick fastening and quick release. With this equipment it is possible to load and stow 20,000 lbs. of cargo in less than a half-hour.

Bridge Cranes and Elevator

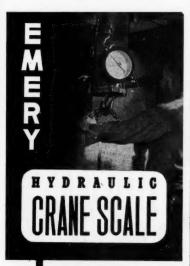
Another cargo transport with built-in handling facilities is the Douglas Globemaster, developed during the latter part of the war for global operations. Used for very limited service during the Berlin air lift, it carried heavy equipment on runs from America to Europe. Three electric powered cranes are used on this transport to handle lifts up to 16,000 lbs. Two of these cranes are of the underslung, bridge type traversing double rails running the length of the cargo area. The third crane is equipped with a boom for heavy loading operations through a cargo door on the left side of the fuselage. Also incorporated in this basic design is a detachable floor area at the rear, that serves in conjunction with the twin cranes as an electrically operated cargo elevator. Palletized loads, large bulky objects and small vehicles can be easily handled by either lifting from this platform in lowered position or by lifting the platform and load as a unit. The twin cranes furnish four suspension points for lifting the elevator platform and for spotting the load.

Hoist Tracks on Underside of Wing

A revised version of this cargo transport has recently been developed. The basic design remains the same, but the cargo capacity has been increased and large loading doors have been added to the fuselage nose.

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The Martin Mars, huge flying boat used by the Navy, incorporates a unique overhead handling system for loading bulky cargo directly from either side of the fuselage, also shown in the exhibits. The equipment utilizes a 5000 lb. capacity crane traveling on twin recessed overhead tracks. This crane, of the low or underslung rectangular bridge type, is suspended from two parallel tracks built into the bottom skin of the wing. The tracks extend outboard from the center line of the fuselage on both sides of the plane, thus permitting straight-through loading or unloading from either side. Emergency hand cranks are provided in the event of a power failure. For the control of this crane. a push button panel is located on the forward bulkhead or partition of the main cargo compartment just inside the left door. The operator thus has a vantage point for control during the handling operation.



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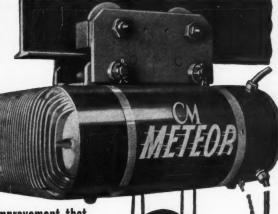
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YARD CRANEWAY . . .

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length. Bar stock is stored in racks (in the rear half of the yard). To this partial list must be added bundled sheet steel as well as many types of component parts.

The railroad spur, as can be seen from the flow diagram, extends only partially along one side into the yard. The reason is that usually no more than three cars of chassis side rails are received at one time, and these can be accommodated on the trackage provided. The spur was held to the shortest length possible in order to save the maximum yard area for storage.

Crane Operating Time, Duties

Here is how the crane's time is divided between the various functions. Truck unloading at the T-dock consumes about 10 per cent of its time; rail car unloading about 20 per cent, and filling material requirements for the factory of from 50 to 70 per cent. Any remaining time is taken up with rearranging the stock. For example, the crane may be stacking unitized loads of rear axle housings to a height of 15 ft. in order to make room for other types of products that are expected to arrive.

The load units of chassis side rails range from 12 to 20 pairs per bundle, depending on their size. A car of this material is unloaded in about 1½ hours (if there are no interruptions). The stacks for these and other fast-moving items are built close to the track, in order to minimize crane travel. These stockpiles are also near to the north end of the yard, which in turn is close to the shops. Slow-moving items are stored at the far (south) end of the area.

Grommet type wire rope slings with equalizing thimbles are used for all work, with the lifts cradled in the loops. Two hook-up men are regularly employed.

When side rails are to be delivered from the yard to the assembly department, the crane spots the lifts on a special frame truck. Of channel and angle iron construction, this truck is four ft. wide and 20 ft. long, with stakes at the sides. It accommodates up to 20 pairs of side rails. Three of these vehicles are in regular use. While two are in the shop being unloaded, one truck is in the yard to receive a load. Uninterrupted supply to production is thus assured. As one of the photos shows, these trucks are hitched to a crawler-mounted tractor for movement to the shop. Long lengths of bar stock are likewise transported on these vehicles, which have tires of solid rubber for easy rolling.

Delivering to Location

The combination truck-and-rail T-dock at the north end of the area has a capacity for 12 highway trucks and four freight cars. Ine open-top highway vehicles (spotted at the south end of the dock) are unloaded by the bridge crane. (Its north end is roofed and is used for lighter receivals, whose handling by hoists is described below.) Such items as rough and finished components, usually unitized, are spotted by the crane on pallets, steel skids, and/or trailers for delivery to the various points of use within the buildings.

At the roofed portion of the dock, lighter types of items are received. This section is covered by monorail trackage on which three one-ton hoists are installed. Three monorail spurs extend from the main line over as many truck bays (approximately halfway over the open-top delivery vehicles). Incoming materials are thus accessible for power handling. In other words, the one-ton electric hoists handle lifts which are too heavy for physical lifting and too light for the crane.

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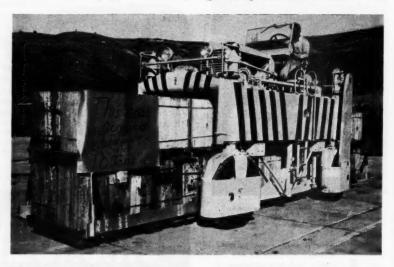
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STRADDLE TRUCK EXTENSION SHOES, shown here, were originally developed by superintendent Frank Edwards, Pt. Molate Naval Fuel Annex of Richmond, for handling petroleum drums on pallets. This unusual attachment was first displayed in Oakland,

special large skids or platforms. They bolt to the regular gripping shoes of the truck. Except for the addition of four bolt holes, no changes need be made in the truck. Forty full drums weighing about 10 tons can be thus picked up and carried. The number



Cal., last December at the Materials Handling and Packaging Conference sponsored by the Navy Industrial Association and the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts. The extension shoes increase the possible length of palletized loads and eliminate the necessity of

may grow to 60 upon further development. The extensions have also been successful in cargo handling. Two types have been used: one with forktype fingers designed to fit into the sides of palets for lifting, and the other of angle iron.—Courtesy, Hyster Co.

IDEA conveyor

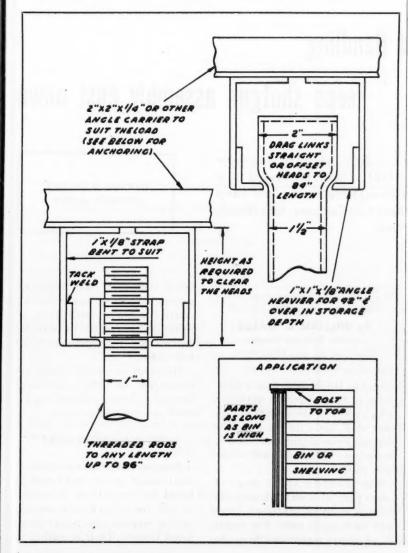
A department devoted to new methods that were developed for improved material handling in your plant. Send us your ideas which have been adapted to actual operations. Ten Dollars will be paid for each one accepted. Include a sketch or photo, or both.

Racks for Long Parts

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SKETCHED below is a method for effective storage of parts which are handled piece by piece in small volume and where protection against damage is essential. Characteristics of such parts often give a clue to the most suitable storage method, as in this case. The principle is to suspend the items by the

rests inherent in their shapes. The welded structures are easily made. Since no dunnage and special hooks are involved, effort and skill in handling are at a minimum. Parts protection is automatic and positive. The 96" shapes weigh ?? to 35 lbs. and average between 12 and 13 lbs. Effective bin depth is 48". Bin ends or wall areas at ends of aisles are handy for such storage racks.



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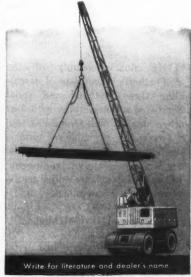
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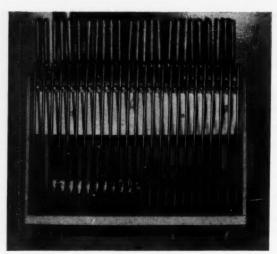
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LEFT SIDE of final assembly truck. Top—stock assembly. Center—barrel assembly.

Bottom—receiver assembly.



RIGHT SIDE of final assembly truck. Trays tipped to show contents. See further explanation in photo on page 47.

Improved Handling

keeps shotgun assembly cost down

Postwar assembly costs increased only 37%, while the plant-wide average pay increased 140% over 1941. That is the reward for a change in handling finished parts through the Featherlight Pump Gun Final Assembly Line at the Ithaca Gun Company, Inc., Ithaca, New York.

CASTERED TRUCKS STORAGE RACKS

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THE final assembly of the Featherlight consists of assembling three matched and serial numbered sub-assemblies with four other major sub-assemblies, 16 minor sub-assemblies, springs, small parts, and screws. These parts and assemblies, comprising 19 types of items, are added to the barrel-receiver assemblies.

Final Assembly—1941 Method

In 1941 the three matched, serial numbered parts were delivered to the final assembly line on the second floor as they were finished and there stored in the racks to await assembly. Small parts were requisiThis was a prize winning paper in the 1948 Flow Cost-Analysis Contest.

By WILLIAM L. WALLS Assistant Production Manager

Ithaca Gun Co., Inc., Ithaca, N. Y.

tioned by the foreman from a storeroom on the first floor in quantities which could be stored in the available shelf space on the line. The foreman ordered guns assembled in accordance with sales and available parts.

The assemblers kept a supply of small parts at their work places in various wood or cardboard boxes and lids from tin cans. The supply of parts was replenished from the boxes stored on the storeroom shelves. Whenever an assembler emptied a box of small parts, he turned it over to the foreman for refilling from the storeroom on the floor below.

Defective or spoiled parts accumulated on the assemblers benches and were collected once a week and reported as scrap.

Should Assemblers Walk?

When an assembler was informed what model, gauge, and length of barrel was wanted next he walked to the barrel rack and selected several appropriate, serial numbered barrels. Then he walked to

the receiver rack and found the receivers with serial numbers corresponding to those on the barrels. He carried these parts to his work place and started the assembly by adding the magazine, slide handle, yoke, etc. to complete the assembly in front of the receiver. He placed this assembly on a truck; when filled, it was pushed to a second assembler.

The second operator took the gun from the truck to install and adjust all the shell handling and firing mechanism inside the receiver so that the gun functioned properly with dummy shells. Then he walked to the stock storage rack to find the stock with the same serial number as the gun he had on his bench. He carried the stock back to the bench, assembled it to the receiver, and placed the completed gun back on the truck.

When the truck of guns was completed, it was sent from the assembly line to the range for function testing with live shells.

The Post-War Problem

On V-J Day we were faced with converting from the manufacture of cal. 45 automatic pistols to the



SPECIAL RACKS for finished receiver and barrel assemblies in storage. Engineered storage operation was vital to new method.

manufacture of shotguns. This meant the removal of many machines and the installation of many special machines which had been stored about a mile across town—down one, and up another of Ithaca's hills. The unprecedented demand for shotguns built up during the war made it imperative that we prepare for the highest possible production in every department. This required efficient use of floor area.

When we came to lay out the assembly area, we realized that

under the 1941 method the assemblers were leaving their work areas vacant while they were getting parts from the racks. Full utilization of the area and better control of parts were our guides in developing our present method for the Final Assembly Department.

Final Assembly-1949 Method

The new layout placed a long narrow finished parts storeroom alongside and parallel to the as(Turn to page 47)

TANGIBLE HANDLING SAVINGS

Plus the cost of providing 40 sq. ft. of floor area for each of 10 additional final assemblers if assembly rate was the same as in 1941.

 $40 \times 10 \times \$10 = 4,000.00$

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- Controls the quantity of any particular type of gun assembled.
- The transportation time has been cut considerably because all parts now move on trucks of 25 pieces.
- The assembler has all the parts he needs to complete the truck of guns. He does not have to walk to the storage shelves for parts.



Plant Superintendent looks at

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BLOOD CARRIED BY BELT CON-VEYOR — Package conveyor belting was selected for an unusual installation at Jefferson Medical College Hospital in Philadelphia.

The blood donor receiving room of the hospital's Charlotte Drake Cardeza Foundation is separated from the institution's blood bank and laboratory by Clifton Street. Past practice was to have newly-filled blood bottles carried between the two buildings by attendants—leaving one building, crossing the street, entering the other. Empty sterilized receptacles, transfusion equipment, etc., were returned in the same manner.

A reversible belt conveying system was installed, consisting of an incline

belt from the street floor of the donor section; a long horizontal length through part of the basement, then under Clifton Street to the basement of the other building; and, making a right-angle connection, into the blood bank and laboratory. Total length of the installation is approximately 300 ft.

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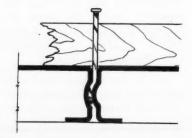
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Operated in reverse, the belt carries empty bottles, other small equipment, supplies, messages, etc., back to the donor section, with a simple intercom system signalling the required attention. A complete passage requires an average of only 1 minute, 45 seconds—a big saving in time which, added to the release of personnel for other duties, has contributed to lower costs and increased efficiency in this important

WOOD NAILS IN STEEL FLOORS-

The Pennsylvania Railroad has installed all-purpose nailable steel flooring in 100 gondola cars and has ordered its application to an additional 100 cars. The flooring consists of curved-flange steel channels separated by grooves in which ordinary nails can be driven. The grooves are filled with plastic to prevent loss of fine freight carried in bulk. Cars so equipped can thus handle finished goods which must be blocked in place





by nailing to the floor as well as rough heavy materials which require a steel floor. The new installation will eliminate much car switching and assembling, now necessary to provide floors suitable for the type of freight to be carried.—Courtesy, Great Lakes Steel Corp.

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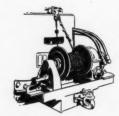
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RACKS ELIMINATE CONGES-TION—These two photographs illustrate how A. R. Barnes & Co., a Chicago printer, eliminated the storage headaches which confront most publishing, printing and paper houses faced with warehouse space shortages.

Here were the problems: (1) Storing miscellaneous sizes and kinds of printing paper so they would be quickly available for the presses; (2) Storing customers' printed forms, to be ordered out as needed; (3) Conserving limited space for traffic and other purposes.

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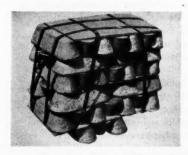
the paper is neatly stored and accessible for use on the presses. The printed



forms are stored on the second level, segregated for quick handling and shipping. Valuable floor space this paper once occupied is now used for traffic and other operations.—Courtesy, Unistrut Products Co., Chicago.

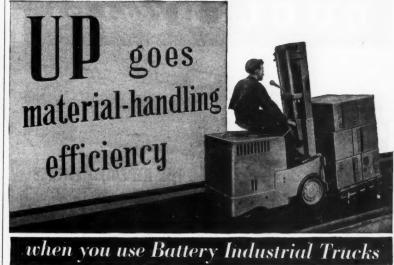
UNITIZED BRASS INGOTS — A new method of packing and shipping brass ingots which reduces shipping, handling and storage costs has been developed by the Samuel Greenfield Company, Inc., Buffalo smelters and refiners. The method—exclusive with Greenfield—entails the packing and shipment and storage of ingots in unit disposable pallets.

Ingots shipped in UNIT-PAKS are said to be loaded, unloaded, handled



and stored at a fraction of the cost of those shipped loose. The load units are quickly, easily and inexpensively handled by light manual or automatic handling equipment, such as fork trucks, 2-wheel trucks, grab hooks, etc. Stored in units, they make sight inventories possible, occupy less storage space. 13,600 pounds of brass ingots can be safely stacked in UNIT-PAKS in a space less than 2 feet wide, 4 feet deep and 8 feet high.

Freight costs are also said to be

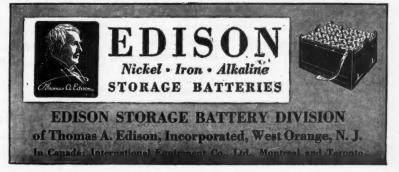


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TRACTOR DELIVERS TRACK-LESS TRAM—With absence of electric lines preventing delivery of a new



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ELECTRIC HOIST MANIPU-LATES FREIGHT ELEVATOR—The Moloney Electric Co., St. Louis, uses an electric hoist to operate a homemade freight lift, which transports components to and from mezzanine storage. The carrier is constructed of sheet metal sides and bottom, secured to channel-and-angle frames. It is guided by upright angles extending

from the ceiling of the balcony to the ground floor. Lugs, welded to the elevator sides, keep it in correct vertical alignment. A fence-wire guard and iron-pipe gate surround the balcony floor opening. Lifting and lowering is accomplished by a hoist, permanently mounted to a building girder. The wire rope hoist-cable is threaded through pulleys to direct the vertical motion of the elevator. Upper and lower limit switches automatically stop the elevator at the lower and upper floor levels.—Courtesy, Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.

GRAIN IN BOXES—Handling grain in 7½ ton boxes by fork lift truck rather than in 100 pound sacks by hand is paying off for Glenn Quick, operator-owner of the Quick Seed and Feed Company of Phoenix, Arizona.

The company handles approximately 25,000 tons of grain and sorgum seed annually. Packaged in 100 pound bags, 25,000 tons adds up to a lot of sacks. Keeping seed segregated through each of the many processing operations is no small chore.

A few months ago Mr. Quick decided to invest in a 15,000 pound capacity fork lift truck and 300 specially constructed grain boxes to take care of this handling problem. Six months of

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ing, handling and storing have been greatly simplified. Waste and spoilage have been measurably reduced.

Boxes are five feet wide, ten feet long and six feet high and are constructed of 1 x 10 pine on 2 x 10 and 2 x 12 frame. Steel strapping and tie rods aid in withstanding the large pressure that free flowing seed can build up against a side wall. A sliding panel in one end at the bottom is used to empty the box, which is hoisted to an inclined platform with the lift truck. The box interior is lined with car liner waterproof paper, stapled to the sides and bottom.

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equivalent in grain sacks would have been 100 man hours.—Courtesy, Hyster Co., Portland.

DRUM PROBLEM SOLVED—An ingenious completely co-ordinated system combining apron conveyors, gravity roller and live roller conveyors and a system of automatic air-actuated deflectors, recently developed, has now solved the drum and barrel handling problems of a large petroleum products manufacturer.

The drums from each of several filling points proceed down the gravity roller conveyors, similar to the one shown in the small view. An automatic brake and an end-stop control the re-

lease of the drums from the gravity roller conveyor onto the main apron



conveyor line. Flow of the drums along the main apron conveyor is further controlled by the automatic, air-actuated deflectors, which direct selected drums off the apron conveyor and onto the proper gravity roller spur to storage.

A typical operation is shown in the larger photograph. Drums are temporarily halted on the filling line at the left while drums from another filling line are being deflected onto the proper spur to storage. The inset shows one of the air-actuated deflectors raising to allow drums to flow along the main apron conveyor to other storage points. A chain-driven live roller conveyor, paralleling the apron conveyor, connects all of the storage spurs and delivers the drums to shipping.—Courtesy, The Alvey-Ferguson Co., Cincinnati.

SELF DUMPING ELEVATOR DOUBLES PRODUCTION—This self dumping elevator is designed to dump a skid load of parts into a metal parts



washer. Formerly, material was fed into the hopper by hand. The skid is placed into position by a fork truck. A cross bar (which may be adjusted to various heights to accommodate different sized boxes) holds the container during dumping. Tilting starts as soon



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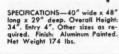
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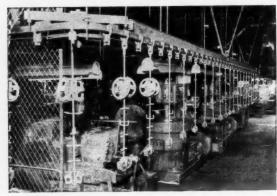


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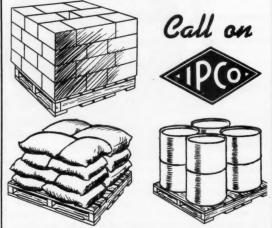
ON THE PALLET . . .

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tory, glass batch and all raw materials going into it will be carried by low pressure aid. Jackson Brothers previously made a successful trial of the system in another plant.

CRANE operation isn't profitable unless the crane is actually operating. If the operator gets tired toward the end of the day, you are losing the value not only of his time but also the machine he is operating. The comfort of the man in charge of a \$300,000 machine certainly merits attention. Optimum visibility has always been an objective, especially on outdoor cranes. We decided that an operator would be more comfortable if he were sitting down rather than standing up. When the operator sits down then the problem of vision becomes more significant. Recent trends in improving the conditions for the operator have resulted in the following: changing the front of the cab circular; protecting the bottom of the cab with a heavy channel to reduce the dangers from swinging loads; enclosing and air conditioning the cab from severe weather conditions; and providing arrangements enabling the operator to run the crane while sitting whenever possible.—Excerpted from a talk by E. C. Rice, vice president, Whiting Corp.

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SHOTGUN ASSEMBLY . . .

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sembly line. A full-time storekeeper was put in charge of this storeroom and it is his responsibility to deliver gun parts to the assembly line as needed and to verify all receipts and requisitions.

The castered hand trucks were redesigned so that they would not only transport finished guns but also hold all the parts necessary for the assembly of guns. As shown in the photographs, the Barrel-Receiver Assembly is placed on the left side of the truck, in the same space used for the finished guns. On shelves accessible from the right side of the truck are placed parts trays so designed that on one trip each assembler can take all the parts needed to complete any one of the present three operations on 25 guns. The stock assemblies are placed on wood dowels on top of the truck so that they are within easy reach of the assembler.

The initiative for assembly orders is now a function of the Production Control Department. This department issues Factory Production Orders to the storekeeper in conformity with the latest revision of a Master Schedule originally



RIGHT SIDE of final assembly truck. Center, right-magazines for first operation, Lower shelf-parts for second operation. Center, left-parts for the third operation.

established at the beginning of the year by the Sales and Manufacturing Departments.

Whenever the storekeeper receives an assembly FPO he instructs the storeroom employees to prepare a certain number of a particular gun for the final assembly line. These employees take an empty truck to a section of the Barrel Assembly and Receiver Assembly racks which contain the required Model gauge and length. A barrel and receiver are selected and the barrel is assembled by a quarter turn to the receiver having the same serial number. The two parts are then placed on the truck as shown. Next, the stock assemlies are placed on top of the truck so that they will be directly behind the correspondingly numbered barrel and receiver. Finally enough interchangeable parts for 25 guns are added to the parts trays and the truck is then delivered to the final assembly line by the storeroom employee from the south end of the storeroom.

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magazine, which is done by one man part-time. He places the tray of magazines on his work bench,

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EFFICIENT STORAGE RACKS for stock assemblies. The author is shown here making a selection.

gets a receiver from the truck, assembles and straightens the magazine and returns the assembly to the truck. He then pushes the truck about five feet to the next operator.

Two men, full time, complete the assembly in front of the receiver by assembling the slide handle, yoke, magazine spring cup, magazine spring, and magazine nut. Whenever a truckload is completed

IN SEVEN MINUTES—A flatbot-tomed highway truck moves into one of the loading/unloading bays in the midtown building of The Manhattan Storage & Warehouse Company, New York City, carrying an overseas packing case weighing some 4,000-lbs. Powered fork trucks work from each side of the highway truck's bed, lift the case and permit the highway truck to move out.



The entire operation, utilizing the fork trucks, takes six to seven minutes.—Courtesy, Electric Industrial Truck Association.

it is pushed to one of the next four operators.

The last operation by these four men is to complete and adjust the assembly inside the receiver and assemble the stock.

When an operator completes a truck of finished guns the foreman inspects each gun and transfers it to a smaller size truck, which will fit the elevator. This truck delivers the guns to the range for function testing and targeting. The empty assembly truck is now at the north end of the storeroom, ready to start another journey south to the beginning of the assembly line.

Damaged parts are returned to the storeroom by the checker on the line in order to be able to requisition additional parts against the particular FPO. The damaged part is reworked or scrapped and charged to that order number.

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216 BARRELS INSTEAD OF 80—When it is necessary to store barrels of processed poultry at the Supreme Quality Cut-Up Poultry plant of Grimes & Hauer, Fredericksburg, Pa., after the delivery trucks have left to make deliveries, this powered fork truck places them in this cold-room. Ability of the truck to raise the barrels has made full capacity of the room available. Some



216 barrels can be stored here through this mechanized means, as against only a possible 80 under manual methods.— Courtesy, Electric Industrial Truck Association. Have you ordered your 1949-50 DIRECTORY yet? Many improvements have been incorporated in the new, revised edition. Copies are available at \$5.00 each. It will pay you to order one for your purchasing agent, engineers, and executives and supervisors in charge of production.

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means of the jib hoists. Their take-off points are near the center of the shop, which in turn is close to the assembly rack along the south wall—the final destination of these axles.

This particular layout provides the shortest possible travel distances for the fork lift truck which picks off the finished axles for delivery to assembly. The use of the gravity racks offers another advantage, since the material advances by its own weight. In this way flow and intermediate storage procedures have been greatly simplified. A wooden wedge is inserted under the axles, as on the scrap track, whenever the advance is to be blocked.

For handling new wheels, which are moved four at a time in an upright position, the forks have been notched. The notches coincide with the flanges, thus serving as retainers. A clamp is lowered over the load during transit as a safety measure.

Wheels Meet Axles

The assembly rack (No. 4) completes the U-shaped layout. It is likewise of the gravity type, and the axles delivered by the fork lift truck roll ahead to the far end, where assembly takes place.

In the meantime, the wheels for these axles have been taped (measured) and held for mates. Mated pairs are wheeled by the previously mentioned hand trucks to the boring mills, one located on each side of Rack No. 4, for reboring.

(Steel wheels, it should be noted in passing, are seldom demounted from the axles. They are usually sent in for reconditioning of worn flanges and cut journals. The machine tools for this purpose—wheel lathe, wheel grinder, and journal lathe—are located in a straight line along the east wall. These machines are served by three-ton hoists run-

ning on I-beam tracks which curve out to a roofed section in the storage yard. Besides serving these machines, these hoists also transfer the heavy wheel assemblies from one track to another in the yard as the need arises, thus making for a flexible operation. It is to be noted that the segregation of the mounted steel wheels at one end of the shop tends to (a) reduce travel distance substantially, (b) minimize handling and (c) avoid interference with the U-shaped flow of cast iron wheels.)

The cast iron wheels are spotted by two-wheel hand truck under a hoist of the boring mill, which is an integral part of this machine. Erie engineers converted these hoists from electric to pneumatic power. The pneumatic cylinder that was installed is just long enough to hoist the wheels from the truck to the bed of the machine. The same applies to lowering. Since the hoisting height is limited by the length of the cylinder, broken chains and damage to the machine are forestalled.

The lifting device is a ball with a link. The ball is dropped through the hub of the wheel and a bar is then slipped through the link. An air valve switch is thrown to raise the load to the bed of the machine: After the hub has been bored for accurate placement of the wheel seat on the axle, the load is raised and swung toward the side of the wheel chute, which parallels the assembly rack.

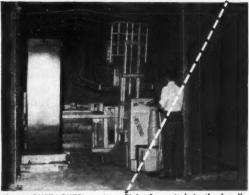
The wheel is lowered on a hinged apron, a \(\frac{3}{8}'' \) steel plate, and the ball and link disengaged. The operator steps on a pneumatically actuated release lever, which raises the apron and places the wheel upright in the gravity trough.

An air-operated curved section at the end of the assembly rack serves as a stop for the axles. The wheels are rolled at this point onto track-bound dollies, the track being at right angles to the rack. The wheels are thus readily adjusted in relation to the axle. (White lead lubricant is applied to the wheel hub and the wheel seat.) As the

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the layout and the provision made for uninterrupted unloading-loading of specially equipped flat cars. -Ed.

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The present operation was moved from the Erie shops in Hornell, N. Y., to the present location in Meadville in January of 1948. At that time many refinements were incorporated into the system which had been planned for

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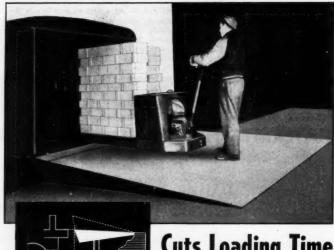
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ON THE PALLET . . .

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CONSTRUCTION crews working on the Texasto-Ohio natural gas pipe line have put approximately 200 miles of pipe in the ground, and are working on schedule on the 26-in. pipe line project. The corporation's executive vice president W. T. Stevenson said it is expected to have the pipe line in preliminary operation by the end of the year, in time to deliver natural gas to meet cold weather needs. The initial capacity of the new line at the end of this year is expected to reach 304,000,000 cu. ft. of gas a day. By the spring of 1950, upon completion of additional facilities, its capacity will reach 400,000,000 cu. ft. per day.

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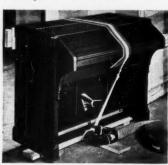
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A regular monthly section in which are presented solutions to the problems of efficient filling and handling the boxes, cartons, bags, bottles, cases, etc., used in commerce and industry.

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- WELDED TWIN PACKAGES—a time-consuming job that has so far been done by hand is now performed by newly designed spotwelding machines in the filling line. Manufacturers of tinned products will be interested in knowing how this equipment was successfully applied at the S. C. Johnson & Son Co. for a faster and more economical packaging operation. 61

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Practical Cushioning

and the "perfect package"

"Lowest comprehensive cost," the four basic cushioning factors of Bracing, Blocking, Flotation and Finish Protection—these are some of the points clarified by the author.

"Lowest Comprehensive Cost"

What comes closest to being a perfect package in modern thinking is one which will bring a product to its destination at the "lowest comprehensive cost." Comprehensive cost includes not only the direct charges for labor of assembling the package and the materials and ingredients going into it, but also such indirect items as good-will, reputation with the customer, service and repair charges on damaged merchandise, etc. When claims are paid by the carrier there still remain handling and service charges on the claims.

A recent survey indicated that for every complainant advising a company of damaged merchandise or dissatisfaction with the product, there were on the average 25 other

dissatisfied purchasers who did not report these facts but were disgruntled enough to stop buying the product. In analyzing the "comprehensive cost" of an industrial shipping package the loss of dollar returns due to dissatisfied customers should be weighted by a 25-to-1 or similar factor.

Percent of Package to Product

Tangible or direct costs of the package can always be quickly assembled by a cost analyst-or, if preferred, by a capable shipping department representative. The cost of materials and labor expended on the package divided by the salable value of the goods packed, gives the ratio of "percent of package to product." This runs roughly from two to eight percent

(Adapted from a talk by S. L. Swenson, product engineer for the Kimberly-Clark Corp., delivered at the June meeting of the Michigan Division of the Society of Industrial Packaging and Material Handling Engineers, Detroit.)

package designer in a new field in short order. The science of modern package design insists that the packaging engineer get rid of all frills, just as "gingerbread" has been abandoned in the fields of architecture and apparel design. Along with other phases of industrial production, preparation and protection of an item for distribution is being closely examined and double-checked. In progressive,

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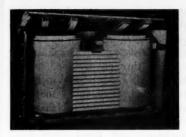
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in the majority of cases, probably averaging around five percent. Careful estimates of other "comprehensive factors" usually indicate that the true cost of a package may run five to ten percent higher than this. Design changes instituting different packaging methods, and involving slightly more money for improved package cushions, spacers, wrappers, etc., may result in an over-all, lower "comprehensive cost."

The theory and fundamentals underlying "comprehensive costs" apply to cushioning materials as well as to the broader package. In fact, the practical method of determining cushioning kind and quantity demands that all factors of product nature, fragility, cost, shipping distance, nature of carrier, etc., be carefully evaluated according to their importance—and preferably in dollar terms, if possible.

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An estimate has it that in the

engineering design of packages, in 95 percent of the cases the quality and quantity of cushioning protection incorporated is specified by rule of thumb, or simply by guess.

"G" Factor

A complete, scientific analysis of a shipping package can be made if needed. Answers can be developed indicating the amount (thickness) of any one of a number of common cushioning materials required to do a particular job. This question can be answered with a fair degree of accuracy. However, some important facts about the product must be already known, or determined in numbers.

One all-important, hard-to-get numercial factor is called the "g" or "gravity" factor. This is the number of times the force of gravity which will break the item. In many cases it is called the "index of fragility" of the product. Secondly, a packer must know or assume the maximum shock load which might be imposed on his product. Must it withstand a twofoot or a 20-foot fall to a concrete floor? Having (1) the "g" factor and (2) height of fall to which the product might be subjected at the designer's disposal, it is possible to refer to tabulated data in graph form and determine with reasonable accuracy the correct thickness of any one of a number of common cushioning materials to do the required cushioning job.

Four Basic Cushioning Functions

The need of a majority of present-day packers is for a more direct, practical knowledge of basic cushioning fundamentals, which can be applied to their problem. If the package designer recognizes his cushioning problem, and can cata-

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log it specifically, the application of the approximate quantity of cushioning becomes a formality.

All cushioning problems can be broken down into one or a combination of the following four basic categories: (1) Bracing, (2) Blocking, (3) Flotation, (4) Finish protection. A short resume of each one of these fundamental interior cushioning methods will illustrate the basic divisions of performance in the cushioning field.

Bracing

This is a method of interior packing designed to prevent movement of contents within a container and to distribute the weight to all of its faces. This method uses cushioning materials in conjunction with wood bracing, metal strapping or corrugated fiberboard forms. The function of cushioning material is to

prevent scratching, press marking, burns, etc., by the coarse "holding" materials.

Cushions are applied in strip or pad form at bracing points only and usually range from 1/8" to 1/2" in thickness. The finish or texture of the product being "braced" determines the type of cushioning material specified. Products with coarse or with no special finishes can be padded under the bracing points with excelsior pads, corrugated fiberboard, macerated newsprint pads, etc., whereas highly finished products must be padded with finer cushioning material, such as hair felt, wood fiber felts, creped cellulose wadding, cotton blankets,

Blocking

Blocking is a method of wrapping irregularly shaped objects with soft, resilient cushioning materials to "block out" the voids. The resulting package is fairly regular in shape and comparatively easy to insert in the container. Excessive

stresses are avoided at projecting points, and the distribution of shock is facilitated by the cushion by transmitting the shock loading evenly throughout the article. Blocking is accomplished with soft, conformable cushioning materials such as felt, cotton, rubberized or curled animal hair, creped cellulose wadding, and wood fiber felts. Thickness of blocking materials ranges from ½" up to 2".

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As its name implies, it is a method of completely protecting the article in question from shock and vibration by wrapping or literally "floating" it in a thick cushioning material. "Flotation" packed products are literally suspended within the shipping package. The more resilient the cushioning material the better the performance. Cushions of especially designed materials, such as cotton, creped cellulose wadding, wood fiber felt, rubberized animal hair, in thicknesses of





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1/2" to 3" make the most effective flotation packs.

Finish Protection

This method involves the application of relatively thin cushioning materials to protect highly finished and delicate surfaces of wood, metals, plastics, or glass from damage by contact with other articles or other packaging materials which can cause abrasion or chemical action. In the event of infiltration into the package during transit of sand, dust, or cinders, the nature of these finish-protecting cushioning materials is such that the abrasive material works into the soft and protective cushion before it has a chance to scratch or mar the high finish of the product.

Usually comparatively large areas of the product (such as surfaces contacting corrugated spacers) are finish protected. Many

products cushioned by large quantities of coarse fiber blanket or dunnage material have finish protecting wraps applied beforehand to give necessary softness against the skin of the product. This prevents chafing, rubbing, burning action which dulls and mars the surfaces of many otherwise damage-free products.

Finish protecting mediums are usually considered to be those materials 1/8" or less in thickness which have proven that they can do a satisfactory job in this respect. Such materials as felted cotton and creped cellulose wadding do an outstanding job of finish protection. Some of the glazed and waxed kraft papers, properly secured to the product in question, are moderately successful in protecting delicate finishes. Many of the thicker cushioning pads and blankets such as wood fiber felts, creped cellulose wadding and cotton are, of course, perfectly satisfactory as a combination finish protecting and shock absorbing medium.

In correctly applied finish protecting applications the protective



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medium is tightly affixed to the merchandise. Any movement within the package (and in transit some shifting, vibratory, internal movement always occurs) must be relegated to those surfaces outside of, above, or away from the surface of the merchandise. This is the ideal treatment.

Special Cushioning Methods

Special functions, highly important in some packaging applications, are those of absorption and insulation. While not sufficiently comprehensive to be classified as basic cushioning methods, the "absorption" and "insulation" packs are assuming ever-growing importance.

An absorption pack is a specialized method of interior packaging designed to cushion the fragile container of a liquid in shipment. The objectives are adequate protective cushioning against shock (wrap is usually by flotation pack method), plus rapid and thorough absorption of the liquid in case of breakage or leakage at the closure. Only a few cushioning materials possess the special properties required to do a creditable job of absorbent packaging—among these are creped cellulose wadding, absorbent cotton, and sawdust. These materials meet government regulations for parcel post shipment of liquids.

Insulation is rapidly becoming a quality much sought after by many shippers, particularly those packing and marketing cut flowers, frozen foods, fish, candy, medicines, etc. Much of the increased quantity of perishables being shipped by air and railway express is being cushion wrapped by a material which is primarily a good insulator against extreme temperatures. The selection of the type of insulating cushion is often based on other characteristics which contribute to the satisfactory nature and over-all low cost of the pack. Considerations of low weight, flexibility and conformability, cleanliness, adaptability to packing techniques, etc., are highly important in the insulation of perishables and foodstuffs.

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If the precepts as well as the cushioning processes can be kept simple enough, a lot more will be accomplished than if an attempt is made to overload shippers with technical and complicated determinations. Again, correct recognition of the type of cushioning problem, whether BRACING, BLOCK-ING, FLOTATION, or FINISH PROTECTION, means a good share of the cushioning battle won. With only a fair knowledge of cushioning materials, the average packaging engineer can be expected to select a reasonably appropriate material without too much difficulty.

Management readily recognizes the logic of a "comprehensive" look at the packaging end of the business since it is one of the best spots to reduce waste dollars and increase profit dollars.



Welded Twin Package

The resistance welding industry develops a new type of spotwelding machine which meets a six-way packaging requirement in joining pairs of standard insecticide type cans. The joining rate is 160 cans per minute. Important economies are reported.

S. C. JOHNSON w Son, makers of Johnson's wax, sought a new method for joining "twinned" cans of an improved type of self-polishing wax, which were to be distributed on a large scale in a nationwide merchandising program. Methods available to the packaging industry for joining cans were not satisfactory. The company searched for a new method which would automatically join pairs of standard insecticide type cans at a high rate of speed, which could be synchronized with the rate of can filling, capping and the packaging production lines.

The pairs of cans had to be joined in such a way that the individual units would be attached firmly against the stresses of handling and shipment. The method of attachment had to permit the housewife to snap the cans apart easily, yet it could in no way soil or obscure lithographed container surfaces. Moreover, indications of metal tearing, can distortion and the possibility of leakage (after snapping apart) had to be avoided.

S. C. Johnson & Son engineers turned to the resistance welding industry for solution of the problem. A manufacturer of welders designed and built three spotwelding machines which automatically twin the cans at the rate of 160 units

per minute. Thus a solution was found for a problem of long standing in the packaging industry. It was difficult and costly to balance the old-time manual method with the high rate of speed of present-day filling and packaging machinery. The economies effected by the machine operation are said to be substantial.

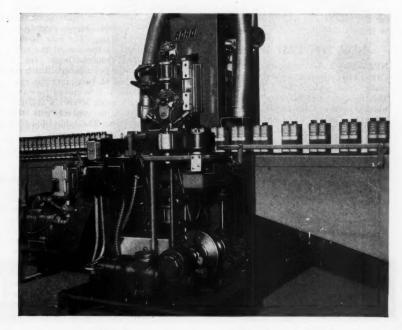
This type of welding machine is completely automatic and can be placed in the filling, capping and packaging production lines. It takes single cans from the standard feeding conveyor and puts paired cans back on the discharge conveyor.

A spot weld is produced at the

top rims and at the bottom rims of each pair of cans where the rims contact each other. The spot welds are accurately controlled by electronic weld sequence controls. While they hold against all stresses encountered in handling and shipment, each pair is snapped apart cleanly in the horizontal direction.

This new resistance welding technique will doubtless find wider application in the packaging industry, where manufacturers of tinned products have long been contending with the type of problem outlined in this description.

(Data and exhibit used in this article were furnished by the Acro Welder Manufacturing Co., Milwaukee, Wis.)



SINGLE CONTAINERS moving on the conveyor line (left of photo) emerge from this spotwelding machine (at right) as "twinned" packages, nucleus of a merchandising program. Three such welding machines paired millions of cans in few weeks.



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hopper dumps, rights and locks itself. It is built to fit any standard type lift truck; the worker need not leave the truck to operate the hopper. The unit is made in ½, ¾, 1, 1½ and 2 cu. yd. sizes and is available to meet other specifications. It can also be designed for flat trucks and with special flanges to permit stacking.

NEW TYPE CASE SEALER

NP2—The A-B-C Packaging Machine Corp. has released a new semi-automatic case sealer, the A-B-C Sealall. This unit will handle cases of different widths, heights, and lengths, one right after the other, with no adjustment necessary. The machine is designed to eliminate down time required to change from one size case to another. Speed ranges from one to five cases per minute. Use the card bound into this issue to get further information.

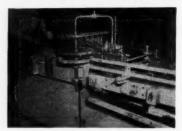


SHORT-TURN FORK TRUCKS

NP3—For increased maneuverability and faster handling of materials in confined storage areas, the Industrial Truck Division of the Clark Equipment Co. has developed special short-turn models of its battery-powered Clipper, Carloader and Utilitrue. These models have capacities of 2000, 4000 and 7000 lbs., respectively. Standard models remain unchanged. Redesign of the trucks' battery compartments and counterweights to provide angled corners has reduced the turning radii by $6\frac{1}{2}$ ins. on the 2000-lb. truck, $6\frac{1}{4}$ ins. on the 4000-lb. truck and six ins. on the 7000-lb. truck.

UNSCRAMBLING TABLE

NP4—The Island Equipment Corp. has introduced a straightline type of unscrambling table that is designed to unscramble most types and shapes of containers. A special flask discharge at-



tachment keeps flasks and jars moving to the discharge conveyor. Three conveyor belts traveling at three different speeds keep the containers moving in the direction of the discharge opening. The discharge V-belt can be interchanged to accommodate containers from a vial to a jug. The rate of discharge depends on the size of the container, running from 60 large jars to 240 small bottles per minute. A tilting table is designed to turn over the carton on the table as it is moved forward. after which the table levels off and the containers come in contact with the moving conveyors. The table then tilts back to receive the next carton.

NESTING TRAY—DOLLY COMBINATION

NP5—A combination of all-steel, welded tiering trays and a castered dolly to speed transfer of bread and other products from wrapping machines to delivery trucks is announced by the Coneco Engineering Co. The new tiering dolly combination is designed to protect packaged products against damage. The dolly is made from 1½" x 1½" angle iron of all-welded construction 32" x 21" x 5½", and is equipped with four-in. semi-steel swivel roller bearing casters. The individual tiering trays, also of all-welded construction,

provide maximum strength for tiering to heights of 10 to 12 trays and higher. Tray frames are made of \%" x \5\%" x \%" a \\8" angle iron. Both top and bottom frames are notched and formed from one piece of angle iron for maximum rigidity and strength.

COIL WEIGHT CALCULATOR

NP6—A new coil weight calculator has been devised by the F. J. Littell Machine Co. Its use is said to permit quick, easy calculation of the exact weight of steel coils. Inside and outside diameters are dialed to get lb. per in. of width. Unit weight is then dialed against the width of stock, and total weight of coil is



shown. On the back of the calculator is a sheet-gage table and a complete listing of all sizes of the company's reels. By using this calculator, the foreman can choose correct size of reel required for any size or weight of coil, and double check coil weights shown on bills of lading. One or more of these calculators will be sent free on request.

SHUTTLE CONVEYOR

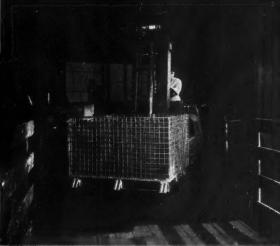
NP7—A new trough belt shuttle conveyor with a traveling plow is available from Trowbridge Conveyor Co. Features include flexibility of operation; maximum and uniform loading of



storage space; simple maintenance and increased capacity. This machine was designed for filling a series of long narrow bins in areas with low headroom. The unit pictured has an 18"wide x 29'-long belt, troughed by special two-

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PORTABLE DUMPER NP8-New improvements have been added to the Cesco Dumper, manufactured by Colson Equipment & Supply Co. The unit is a portable elevator which lifts, up-ends and dumps 750-lb.

the bin to the other.

handle bags, drums, barrels and boxes. It is made in standard dumping heights of five, six, seven, eight, nine and 12 ft.; other models range in dumping heights up to 20 ft. According to the manufacturer, the dumper saves time, increases production and prevents accidents. It is equipped with such safety features as slack cable, safety switch, automatic stops at top and bottom, three-button control switch and solenoid operated brake on the 1/2 HP motor. The unit rolls from place to place on swivel casters and is equipped with two floor locks.

HALF-YARD SHOVEL CRANE

NP9-Model LS-51 is the newest addition to the line of shovel cranes manufactured by Link-Belt Speeder Corp. The 1/2-yd. model is equipped with the company's Speed-o-Matic full hydraulic controls—formerly only available on machines with $1\frac{1}{2}$ to three-yd. capacities. The LS-51 is convertible for operation as a shovel, trench hoe, lifting crane, dragline, clamshell or pile driver. Changing from one attachment to another is quickly accomplished with only slight changes in the machinery, it is announced. The hydraulic system is designed for faster operation, greater output, and lower maintenance cost. The front drum lagging used in dragline and other cable operations is interchangeable with a split sprocket used in connection with the Independent Positive Chain Crowd on shovel opera-

BARREL TRUCK

NP10-This one-man barrel manufactured by the Roll-Rite Corp., offers the following features. Load



balanced; fully adjustable; rubber wheels; ball bearings; pallet charging; pallet discharging; safety design.

LINE MARKING MACHINE

NP11-The little Giant Handi-Liner, a new line marker, has been announced by Lasting Products Co. Constructed of electrically welded steel, the portable unit is said to be speedy and easily operated with one hand. According to the manufacturer, it makes straight, curved, continuous or skip lines and lettering. Visible paint flow eliminates paint waste and gives more lines per gallon, according to the manufacturer's

AUTOMATIC SCRAP CHOPPER

NP12-A new type automatic scrap chopper that produces uniformly cut pieces especially suited foundry use has been developed by Wenthe-Davidson Engineering Co. The exact amount of scrap that should be added to a heat can thus be weighed out and easily shoveled into the furnace or cupola. The $1\frac{1}{2}$ scrap lays solid



when melting. The chopper occupies only 51/2' x 21/2' of floor space. The removable cutting knife, of hardened tool steel, rotates at 72 RPM, and will cut for weeks and months without resharpening, according to the release. The rotating blade is designed with a 11/2" offset that automatically controls the length of pieces cut, producing 72 per minute. The unit is equipped with a welded steel hopper-type one-ton capacity floor truck, which is rolled under the machine to receive the scrap.

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NP13-Designed for handling and storing medium loads is this stacking



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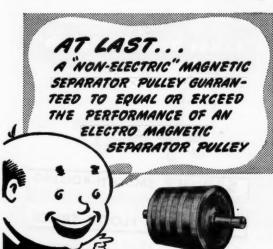
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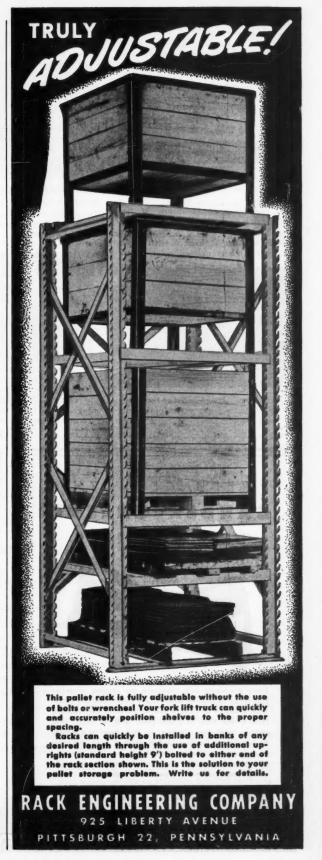


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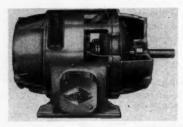
NP14—Manning, Maxwell & Moore, Inc., Shaw-Box Crane and Hoist Division, announces the addition of the Tipit to its line. The purpose of this specialty item is to tip loads of any kind, after they have been lifted, and hold them in any desired position. It



was developed particularly for the automotive trade, but has wide application for many of the jobs performed in industrial plants. The load is lifted by whatever means already in use, either chain block, electric hoist or small crane. The the load is tipped to any desired position and held by turning the self-locking worm with a wrench which actuates a pocket wheel similar to that in a chain block. In the industrial field, the unit may be used for tipping baskets after they have been removed from degreasers to save a maximum of liquid; and for assembly and dismantling jobs where it is necessary to spot loads accurately in difficult places. The model has a capacity of 2000 lbs.

FLUID-SHAFT ELECTRIC MOTORS

NP15—A new development in electric motor design has been announced by the Reuland Electric Co. The units are called Fluid-Shaft motors and feature



a single frame, integral design of motor and fluid-drive coupling. According to the release, this is the first time that an integrally designed electric fluid-drive motor has been developed. The units utilize regular Reuland electric motor frames and end bells. These motors offer many features wherever loads require smooth acceleration, protection from "jamming" and shocks, or are difficult to start. Typical of these installations are conveyors, extractors, bridge and trolley drives or cranes, winders and mixers.

HOSE CUT-OFF MACHINE

NP16—Aeroquip Corp., manufacturers of flexible hose lines and self-sealing couplings, has announced a hose cut-off machine. Compact, and constructed to occupy a minimum amount of space, the equipment is designed to cut a hose quickly and accurately to the desired length. All types of flexible hose may be cut, including hose reinforced with plies of wire braid. This machine will accommodate sizes up to 3" OD, cutting hose at 90 degrees (square) in relation to the axis of the hose, without frayed ends.

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NP17—A diesel locomotive crane designed especially for lighter work is available from the American Hoist and Derrick Co. The 10-ton unit is known as the American Model 410. It offers moderate first cost, and efficient, economical operation, according to the company. It is powered by an electric starting diesel engine developing 72 HP at 1600 RPM and has a rated capacity





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of 20,000 lb. with a 40-ft, boom at 12ft. radius. It is equipped with a fullvision cab, tandem band air-controlled clutches, and will perform all operations simultaneously. The machinery deck is compactly arranged with all units easily accessible. The three-speed selective transmission allows shifting from one speed to another while the crane is in motion. Travel speeds in the respective ratios are 2.25 MPH, 8.0 MPH, and 15 MPH; drawbar pulls are 8160 lbs., 2060 lbs., and 950 lbs. The model has a 7500-lb. single line hoist pull at 235 FPM. Slowing speed is 2.5 RPM.

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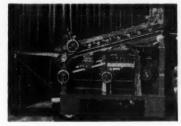
NP18—The Fried Steel Equipment Mfg. Corp. has developed a take-away unit for use with shears. Known as the Stripveyor, the equipment handles any width strip up to the widest allowable by a standard 24-in. back-gauge, carrying all material beyond the frame of the shear and into a receptacle. This includes any gauge sheet steel up to 3/16 in. For installation, the Stripveyor is adjusted for height, with back-gauge in low position, and plugged into an electrical outlet. The unit employs chain



links with intermittent pusherlugs to which horizontal angles are attached. Round steel fingers grapple from the angles to below the table deck, pushing the material in front of them. Material does not pile up on the deck, since the speed of the take-away unit is synchronized with the speed of the shear. The table deck is fully adjustable up and down and the pickup chute is adjustable in all directions. Additional units manufactured by the company are designed to stack material coming from the Stripveyor. Quick manual manipulation of the stacking unit makes it possible to form several columns of material. For additional information, use the postcard bound into this issue.

LABELING MACHINE

NP19—Chisholm-Ryder Co. has introduced a new labeling machine. Designed on the principle that unscrambling, labeling, easing and sealing operations must be progressively on lower levels, the CRCO-New Way Model E Labeling Machine introduces a new straight through elevating principle in labeling. The unit labels the contain-



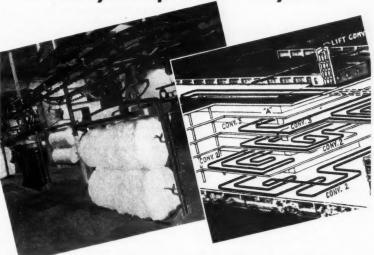
ers as they are elevated and discharges them at a point 12 or more ins. higher

than at the feed end. This development facilitates a straight gravity flow from closing machines to case sealers. The Model E is fully adjustable for containers from 1½" to 5½" in diameter by 1¾" to 7" in height.

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25—Protective Padding . . . A new swatch book offered by Kimberly-Clark Corp. contains samples of six specifications of protective padding, which are available for immediate shipment. These padding materials represent the most popular lines of Kimpak used for interior cushioning in packaging, including padding, filtration and protective linings.

26—Flexible Chain Couplings . . . Morse Chain Co., Division of Borg-Warner Corp., is offering a new 16-page booklet on its flexible chain couplings. Subjects covered are: roller chain stock couplings; silent chain stock couplings; heavy duty, made-to-order silent chain couplings; and steel and plastic covers for the two stock couplings. Information is given on dimensions, horsepower ratings and stock and maximum bores, with numerous illustrations.

27—Industrial Locomotives . . . The latest issue of General Electric's publication "Industrial Locomotives" is devoted entirely to diesel-electric locomotives in the paper and lumber industries. Case studies give the cost savings obtained through the introduction of the engines. Each study is accompanied with on-the-scene pictures. Twenty-five, 45 and 65-ton units are discussed.

28-Truck Batteries . . . The Gould Storage Battery Corp. is offering a new Battery Selector Bulletin-GB-1055to guide purchasing agents, plant engineers, material handling supervisors, and battery-room foremen in selecting correct batteries for industrial trucks. The two-color, eight-page publication announces the new "Z" plate and describes its construction and operating features. Included is an exploded view showing each component of the company's "Thirty" and "Kathanode" bat-teries, with explanatory text which discusses each element in detail. The bulletin concludes with two pages of engineering specifications and operating data for almost 100 batteries of different sizes and capacities.

29—Fork Trucks . . . The Towmotor Corp. has published another of its onthe-spot job studies, which emphasize the economy obtained in material handling through the use of lift trucks and tractors. The new literature, No.

84 in the series, deals with the Clinton, Iowa, plant of Curtis Co., Inc, manufacturer of door sashes, interior trim, moulding and panel work. It describes the material handling problem as it existed and how it was solved.

-Conveyors . . . The Alvey-Ferguson Co. has issued a 32-page catalog illustrating and describing its line of apron, belt, live roller and vertical conveyors. Approximately one-half of the literature is devoted to application photos showing the company's units in many plants performing a variety of tasks. The units are pictured carrying lightweight objects, such as small bottles and cans, also heavier materials such as rolls of newsprint, truck chassis and refrigerator cabinets. Several pages contain engineering drawings and text covering such topics as typical conveyor arrangements and accessories.

31—Pneumatic Tubes . . . Pneumatic tube systems for communication between departments and buildings are the subject of a brochure from the Grover Co. The units are designed to save time, error, cut costs and maintain order. The literature describes how a tube system ties together under one control such plant facilities as sales, maintenance, tool design, shipping, purchasing, inspection, assembly, etc. In addition, the tubes can handle samples, small parts and the like. The brochure is profusely illustrated.

32—Portable Belt Conveyor... A catalog sheet by Speedways Conveyors, Inc. on its new reversible, portable endless belt conveyor. The unit is available in three models. Length of the belt ranges from 10' to 15'; height of conveyor in horizontal position, 33" to 58" (two models are equipped with hydraulic lift as extra equipment). Speed of the belt is 50' per minute; capacity with live load in horizontal position, 50 lb.; with live load at 30 degree angle, 300 lb. Photos and specifications are included.

33—Adhesives . . . The story of adhesive products is presented in a sixpage two-color illustrated pamphlet by Paisley Products Inc. The literature describes the large variety of adhesive raw materials and chemicals now being employed to meet the specialized production requirements of all industries. Ten basic divisions are given in detail,

and a product list shows end uses and industries served. Fully illustrated.

34—Industrial Wheels . . . The City Machine and Wheel Co. has issued a pamphlet on its new line of wide-base Speedwheels. The wheel is manufactured in eight, 10, 12 and 14 in. sizes and comes equipped with General wide-base tires and tubes. Features of the units include precision assembly of tire on wheel; strength for safety; a wide range of bearing types and sizes; special hubs of the customer's design, if desired. The literature includes specifications for 12" and 14" pneumatic tire and tube wheels and 12" and 14" pneumatic tires and tubes. Numerous photos and line drawings of applications.

35-Flight Conveyors . . . A richly illustrated, informative catalog is available from Hapman Conveyors, Inc. Its 36 pages feature photos of complete models, components as well as application views of Hapman rubber flight conveyors. Several dozen engineering drawings depict layouts and applications. Insets show details of discharge and loading points, turns and special accessories. Proper installation methods are described. In addition to their use for conveying bulk materials and abrasives, these conveyors are also installed for cleaning sludge tanks, feeding loco-motive stokers, and for removing coolants.

36-Adjustable Ramp . . . Bulletin 4971 on its Safety Ramp has been issued by Barrett-Cravens Co. The ramp offers a solution to problems and hazzards which can cause excessive loading and unloading time, injuries to personnel and damage to goods. The portable ramp is adjustable in height to provide a gradual incline in a matter of seconds. A mechanical screw-type lifting gear provides a 12-in. variation in height at one end of the ramp. A few turns of the crank will bring that end of the ramp up or down as required to line up and rest securely on the end of the truck or the dock. The wheels of the ramp may be retracted by cranking to clear the ground. This allows the ramp to move vertically with the truck bed if springs and tires deflect under heavy loading thus keeping the ramp and truck bed aligned. Numerous photographs, line drawings, specifications and operating data are given.

37-Scales . . . The Yale and Towne Mfg. Co. has announced new literature on its Little King Bench Scale line. The bulletin, number P1159, enumerates functions for which the scale is designed, for example receiving, shipping, compounding, batching, packaging and testing. Specific industries which use the Bench Scale include bakeries, laundries, chemical plants, post offices, etc. Illustrations show industrial applications. Features of the line include outboard bearing construction which is said to prevent platform tilt and eliminate excessive wear on pivots and bearings; and magnetrol mechanism which

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-Pneumatic Conveyors . . . "The Airveyor", a pneumatic conveyor, is pictured and described in Bulletin A-15. released by Fuller Co. The unit is designed for unloading, conveying and reclaiming dry pulverized, crushed and granular materials. Each page contains several photos and/or engineering drawings and explanatory text. Topics covered include typical "Airveyor" installations; types of materials conveyed; industrial applications; withdrawing and conveying from various sources, and transfer trucks and transfer units for unloading ships. One page contains data required for preliminary

39-Power Conveyors . . . A brochure is available from the Bean-Cutler Division of the Food Machinery Corporation. It describes and illustrates its line of power conveyors showing various applications to different production operations.

40-"One Wheel Shay" . . . The Shalow Co. has issued a catalog sheet showing two of its all steel barrows. Both models are pictured together with specifications and important features.

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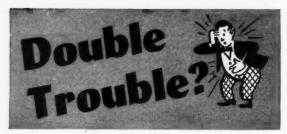
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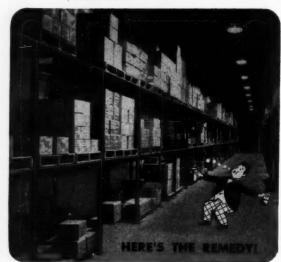


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- A-3. MOBILIFT CORP. will send you an illustrated folder on the operation of its fork trucks.
- A-4. TRUSCON STEEL CO. offers descriptive literature on its complete line of steel skids and skid boxes.
- A-5. WAYNE PUMP CO. A folder contains information on Wayne Industrial Hoists and hydraulic lifting units.
- A-6. FACTORY SERVICE CO. The Turner System Book describes the system and units developed by the company.
- A-7. THE MOTO-TRUC CO. will send bulletin No. 49 on its line of motorized, battery operated walkie trucks.
- A-8. CLARK EQUIPMENT CO. The latest issue of Material Handling News contains case studies of the company's fork trucks and tractors.
- A-9. COLSON EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY CO. An eightpage illustrated folder shows various uses for the Cesco Dumper.
- A-10. ACME STEEL CO. "Savings in Shipping" gives information on steel strapping applications.
- A-11. BERGER MFG. CO. will send literature on its line of "wedge-lock" steel shelving.
- A-12. CHISHOLM-MOORE HOIST CORP. CM Meteor and Comet hoist features are described in a new catalog.
- A-13. MONARCH RUBBER CO. is offering literature on the application of Monarch solid tires to various industrial trucks.
- A-14. EUCLID CRANE & HOIST CO. Literature is offered containing information and photos on the company's traveling bridge cranes.
- A-15. STEEL PARTS MFG. CO. offers information engineering data and specifications on its Steel-Belt Conveyors.
- A-16. ADDISON-SEMMES CORP. Illustrated data on the company's "Power-Pack" expendable pallet are available.
- A-17. PRODUCTION ACCESSORIES CO. "Is Somebody Swiping Your Profits?" is the title of a folder describing collapsible storage and shipping boxes.
- A-18. E. W. BUSCHMAN CO. Bulletin 40 gives details on standard stock units for trolley conveyors.
- A-19. ALLIS-CHALMERS is offering literature detailing its Tracto-Shovel in conjunction with various attachments.
- A-20 PITTSBURGH STEEL PRODUCTS CO. Cargotainers are the subject of literature offered by the company.

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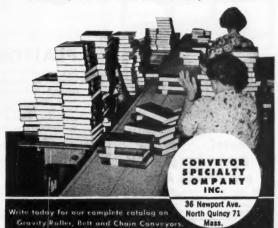
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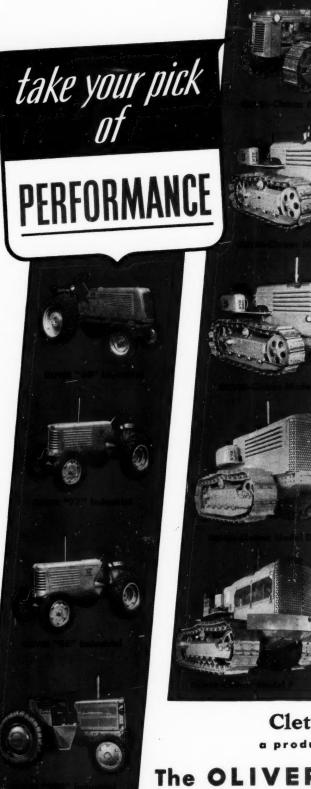
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